Background Information for April 15-16, 2015 CLIAC Meeting

We are providing background information and some links for topics that will be discussed during the upcoming CLIAC meeting. We recommend you review the attached information prior to attending the meeting to facilitate your engagement in the Committee Discussions. The links can serve as informational resources not only for the upcoming meeting but for CLIA and CDC information in general.

Topic 1: Laboratory Information Exchange in Health Information Technology
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Version 1.0. The draft Roadmap is a proposal to deliver better care and result in healthier people through the safe and secure exchange and use of electronic health information. The draft Roadmap proposes critical actions that need to be taken by both private and public stakeholders to advance the nation towards a more connected, interoperable health IT infrastructure and was drafted by ONC based on input from private and public stakeholders.
- The draft Roadmap calls for ONC to identify the best available technical standards for core interoperability functions. ONC is delivering on this action with the release of the Draft 2015 Interoperability Advisory: the best available standards and implementation specifications for interoperability of clinical health information ("Standards Advisory"). The Standards Advisory represents ONC's assessment of the best available standards and implementation specifications for clinical health information interoperability as of December 2014. O*NC is accepting public comments on the open draft of the 2015 Interoperability Standards Advisory. The comment period will end at 5 pm EDT on Friday, May 1st, 2015.*
- ONC's Quick Reference Factsheet to the 2015 INTEROPERABILITY STANDARDS ADVISORY: BEST AVAILABLE STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/Advisory_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Other related articles provided by Dr. Hardeep Singh that may be of interest to CLIAC:
- Graphical Display of Diagnostic Test Results in Electronic Health Records: A Comparison of 8 Systems; http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/03/18/jamia.ocv013
- Comment Thread starting at 13: http://histalk2.com/2015/03/19/news-32015/#comment-313332
- EHRs need to do better at graphing lab-test results; March 20, 2015; http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20150320/NEWS/303209979?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social

Topic 2: Laboratory Safety and Quality: Lessons Learned Through the Ebola Response

- Guidelines for Safe Work Practices in Human and Animal Medical Diagnostic Laboratories - Recommendations of a CDC-convened, Biosafety Blue Ribbon Panel; MMWR, January 6, 2012; http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6101a1.htm